



Mid-Atlantic Council Update

Council Coordination Committee Meeting

May 2014

Recent/Ongoing Activities

Current Activities

- 2014-2018 Strategic Plan
 - 2014 Implementation Plan
- Omnibus Observer Coverage Amendment
- Review and/or set specifications for all species
- Omnibus ABC Framework Amendment
- Scup GRA Framework
- Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Cost Recovery Amendment

Current Activities

- Deep Sea Coral Amendment
- Workshops
 - Offshore Wind Best Management Practices
 - Climate Change and Fisheries Governance
 - Climate Change and Fisheries Science

Future Priorities

Management Priorities

- Summer flounder comprehensive amendment
- River herring and shad management (monitor and modify approach as necessary)
- Ecosystem Approaches to Fisheries Management (EAFM) guidance document
- Habitat Programs

Future Priorities

Other Activities

- Continued engagement on MSA reauthorization
- Communication program planning and stakeholder engagement
- Offshore Wind?

Additional Support/Resources Required

Data Needs

- Timeline for completion of acceptable benchmark assessments for all of the Council's managed fisheries
- Oceanographic data related to climate change and ocean acidification
- Regional evaluation of species interactions within the marine ecosystem
- Climate change risk assessment for the Northeast marine ecosystem

Additional Support/Resources Required

Data Needs (cont.)

- Habitat data—particularly data to link habitat protection with fishery productivity
- Relevant and up-to-date social and economic data about Mid-Atlantic communities
- Real-time commercial fisheries data
- Bioeconomic models

Additional Support/Resources Required

Research Methodology

- Electronic VTRs / log books
- Technology innovation to improve the accuracy and/or efficiency of data collection
- Volunteer angler data uses
- Observer program funding options
- Cooperative and collaborative research

Additional Support/Resources Required

Management Approaches

- Research on (or development of) management strategies that ...
 - Account for recreational catch estimate uncertainty
 - Reduce regulatory discards
 - Minimize adverse ecosystem impacts
 - Ensure fair access to recreational fisheries